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(b) the number of such Assistant Surgeons who have put in more than one year of service;

(c) the reasons for continuing them under the emergency provisions; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to regularise their services in the near future?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: (a) 700 as on the 20th May 1965.

(b) 375.

(c) Vacancies in the posts of Assistant Surgeons are being filled in under the emergency provisions, as recruitment for regular appointment has been suspended. No recruitment was made as the Government decided to reserve all the vacancies in the cadre of Assistant Surgeons, which arose during National Emergency, for candidates who render military service.

(d) The Government have since decided to reserve only 50 per cent of the vacancies for candidates with military service. Recruitment to the unreserved vacancies will be made shortly through the Madras Public Service Commission.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Why were not the doctors transferred straightway to the Military?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Sir, some of them offered for military service and later on they had some domestic reasons which stood against their joining the military service.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Were they not selected for service in the military under the emergency selection?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Yes, they were. But later on they wrote back to the Director of Medical Services and said they were not willing to join the military service.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Were the doctors kept in the civil service?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM: Yes, but the reserved vacancies will not apply to them.

Mosquito Control Oil

* 89 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Panchayats and Municipalities have been supplied with the mosquito control oil under the National Filaria Control Programme free of cost;

(b) whether it is being continued now; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) National Filaria Control Programme is in operation in the endemic districts of Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot and Thanjavur in this State. The Panchayats and Municipalities in these districts are being supplied with the Moscuito larvicidal oil free subject to stocks being made available to the State by the Government of India.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Will the Hon. the Minister tell us why mosquitoes increased and why the Minister was not able to control them ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir, the Health Minister is not responsible for the increase in mosquitoes. All measures necessary are being taken to control them.

DR. H. V. HANDE : If so, why are they increasing ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : They are not amenable to discipline Laughter).

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the oil imported into our country, or is it manufactured in our country ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : It is manufactured here.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Do the Government of India allot any amount for this or supply it free, or do we obtain the supplies from out of our funds ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : A certain amount has been allotted by the Government of India for the eradication programmes and that amount is utilised for this purpose.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : May I know the amount allotted for last year and the amount spent ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : A separate question may be put.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is the oil distributed to the Panchayats in the whole State or only to panchayats in the particular districts ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Whereever it is in a epidemic form, it is distributed. In all Panchayat Unions it is distributed by the District Health Officer.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Are the Government aware that the mosquito nuisance has spread everywhere throughout the State ? Is there any difference between the malarial mosquito and the ordinary mosquito, and, if so, may I know why it is not given to other districts?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : I do not deny the fact that the mosquito nuisance is there, but these mosquitoes are not malarial mosquitoes.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is it not a fact that the eradication of malarial mosquito programme is confined to certain districts only and not to all districts ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir, Malaria eradication programme has been completed now and our State is completely free from malaria.

Government Headquarters Hospital at Nagercoil

* 90 *Q.*—SRI M. SANKARALINGAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state— 3-20 p.m.

(*a*) the estimated expenditure for the Master Plan for expansion of the Government Headquarters Hospital in Nagercoil ;

(*b*) the extent to which the plan has been executed ; and

(*c*) if there is any shortfall, the reason for not executing the plan in full ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) Rs. 19.40 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 7.692 lakhs.

(*c*) The Master Plan providing improvements to the Government Headquarters Hospital, Nagercoil, was prepared with a view to have, even from the beginning, a planned programme. The Master Plan was not given any administrative approval by the Government. Hence, the question of shortfall in executing the Plan does not arise.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, இந்த மாஸ்டர் பிளான்படி அரசாங்க மருத்துவமனையை விரிவுபடுத்த நிலம் எடுத்துக்கொள்வதற்குரிய நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது. அது தற்போது எந்த நிலையில் இருக்கிறது?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Sir, the following improvements, which form part of the Master Plan, have had the administrative approval of the Government :—

Remodelling the hospital, improvements to the existing buildings and the hospitals, construction of V.D. clinic, construction of public health laboratory and construction of dental clinic. These are going to cost us Rs. 7,69,200.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Are the funds to come from the Five-Year Plan provision or from the State Exchequer or from the Cental Exchequer?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : The amount that has been sanctioned will go into the phased programme. It is from the State Government funds.